GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited in Karnataka for which the Company had issued letter of intent (LOI) to the selected applicants in the recent past.

(b) the number of retail outlets allotted so far;

(c) the criteria adopted for allotment of the retail outlets;

(d) the number of applications pending with IOC for allotment of retail outlets for LPG, Petrol Pumps and Kerosene; and

(e) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): During the period April, 2004 to January, 2005, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has issued 126 number of Letters of Intent for retail outlet dealerships in the State of Karnataka.

(c): The allotment of retail outlet dealerships is done by IOC in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the purpose.

(d)&(e): As on 31.1.2005, while there was no case pending in respect of the allotment of retail outlet dealerships and SKO-LDO dealerships in the State of Karnataka, IOC did have one case pending in the State, where the location for the allotment of an LPG distributorship had been advertised by the Company but further action was pending. That case is sub judice and further action in the matter will depend on the orders of the Supreme Court of India.